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From the Amſterdam Courant, dated Aug. 14.

Schafhuyſen, Auguſt 4.

THE Cantons lately ſent a Deputy to Coire the Capital City of the Griſons, to propoſe to them the giving Liberty to the French to hold a Communication through their Territories with the Army of the Marſhal de Villars; this Deputy had Credentials given him, which he was to have made uſe of, in caſe he had found any probability of the Griſons complying with his Propoſals, otherwiſe not; but he finding them no way diſpos'd to ſuch a Compliance, had no occaſion to produce his Credentials. Mean time the Commiſſioners of the Cantons have ſignified by Letter to the Marqueſs de Puiſieux Ambaſſador of France, that they have not yet been able to ſettle the Communication of Letters to and from the Army of the Marſhal de Villars in the manner they deſign, but that they will endeavour to do it ſpeedily; wherefore they deſire his Excellency to uſe his good Offices that the French Troops may not make any Attempt againſt the Places on the Lake of Conſtance. The Abbot of St. Gall has made a Treaty with the Emperor, at which the Proteſtant Subjects of that Abbot, and the Proteſtant Cantons have taken Umbrage; and the latter having demanded of the Deputies of that Abbot a Copy of it, that they might know the purport of it; thoſe Deputies have return'd Anſwer, that this Treaty is but the renewing of an Ancient defenſive one, to which they hoped the Cantons had no Exception to make; But the Proteſtant Cantons, being perſwaded that this Treaty is very different from the former, inſiſt peremptorily that a Copy of it be communicated to them.

Hanover, Auguſt 7. The King of Poland is expected at Dreſden next Month, when a Diet of the Eſtates of Saxony will be held. The King of Denmark has in his Progreſs taken a Review of his Forces, found them in very good Condition, and in number 14159 Foot and 2000 Dragoons. Tomorrow the Lunenburgh Troops which have lain ſo long in Hildeſheim are to march out of that City.

Breda, Auguſt 9. The Body of Spaniſh Troops, commanded by Count Guiſcard during the Indiſpoſition of the Marqueſs de Bedmar, which was poſted at Borgt, is march'd back from thence into the Lines of Antwerp. Lieutenant General Coehorn continues encamp'd at St. John's Steen near Hulſt. Lieutenant General Fagel's Equipage is arriv'd here, and will be ſent to Bolduc, from thence to be conducted to the Grand Army. We began yeſterday to work upon raiſing Redoubts on the ſide of our River.

We have ſeen a Letter written from Leghorn July 26. which in ſubſtance runs thus, 'A Perſon who came hither from Thoulon 'about a Month ago reports, that he was 'aboard ſeveral Ships in that Port, and that 'there were 30 Men of War there when 'he came away; ſince which five three 'Deck'd Ships are come thither from Breſt 'commanded by Monſieur de Coetlogon, 'who brought with him the 4 Dutch Men 'of War, Convoys to the Lisbon Fleet, 'which he took in his Paſſage. This Perſon 'ſays likewiſe, That Monſieur Pointi is ex'pected at Thoulon with 10 Ships from the 'Weſtern part of France, and another Com'mander (whoſe Name I have forgot) with '7 more; ſo that they pretend to ſet out a 'Fleet of above 50 Men of War in the Me'diterranean, to be commanded in chief by 'the Count de Thouloufe Admiral of France. 'But we are under no Apprehenſion for the 'Fleet we expect by Sir Cloudſly Shovel; 'becauſe 'tis well known the French ordi'narily magnifie their Preparations of War, 'and threaten us with greater Force than 'they are able to produce; And beſides, we 'cannot doubt but Sir Cloudſly will bring 'Strength enough with him to fruſtrate the 'utmoſt Efforts the French can make in 'theſe Seas; ſeeing it cannot be difficult for 'thoſe who have the Direction of Maritime 'Affairs in England, (after the Experience of 'the laſt War, and by means of the free 'Correſpondence between France and all 'parts of Europe (England alone excepted) 'that has been continued ſince that War till 'the 1ſt of the laſt Month,) to have Intelli'gence ſufficient to enable them to make a 'near Computation of the whole Naval Power 'of France, and how much of that Power 'can, (due Meaſures being taken by the 'Allies in the Ocean) appear in the Medi'terranean. As to the Malecontents in the 'Sevennes, I can give you no diſtinct Ac'count of the Condition they are in; in ge'neral their Enemies complain they are like 'the Hydra's Heads, increaſe the more for

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'being cut off; By what we can gather 'they will maintain their Ground. The 'Reaſons of our having no better Advices 'concerning them are theſe, that Affair is 'too delicate for any body to dare to write 'what paſſes; the Government takes care to 'ſuppreſs the Reports of any Action that 'happens to its own Diſadvantage; all New 'Convents are hindred from going out of 'the Kingdom; and the old Catholicks 'either cannot or will not tell the Truth.

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